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I believe eliminating the code requirement is the wrong approach. I think all that will be accomplished is taking away the pride from advancing hams who appreciate having achieved a goal by passing element one in their step toward advancement. Code is a staple to ham radio and many new techs of today are taking the time and passing the code exam.

I think holding to a standard is fast becoming a thing of the past as difficult tasks are being eliminated just because "they are too hard". 5 WPM is not a difficult thing to master and having accomplished this has given me a sense of pride I feel future operators will no longer be able to achieve.

Morse code IS HAM Radio and no matter what the decision I guess it always will be! And I feel strongly it should remain a right of passage to HF privileges and license advancement!

Thanks, 73

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